

PRESIDENT'S MIND CLEAR DURING CRISIS.

While Physicians Watched Anxiously by the Bedside He Was Alert and Cheerful.

BUFFALO, Sept. 13.—There is a chance for the President's life. His family, the two members of the Cabinet who remained here, Senator Hanna, Col. Herrick and others who arrived by special trains this morning are in the drawing-room of the Milburn house watching the clock and listening to the pendulum which may be ticking away the seconds of the great man's life.

All realize that only a slender hope remains, and all dread a sudden attack of heart failure, which might bring death.

Of all the sad household only the wife does not know the real truth. She surmises that the President is worse, for she was told it would be better for her not to enter the sick chamber. She assented, but it was with a look of mute appeal in her eyes.

REALIZES HIS DANGER.

The President himself seems to realize that his life hangs by a thread, although he has not as yet been told how slim the chances are. This morning he looked out of the window. When the nurses sought to adjust the pillow to keep out the light he inquired a feeble protest.

"No," said he, "I want to see the trees. They are so beautiful."

The doctors, it is needless to say, are doing all that medical science and skill can do to save the President to his country. W. W. Johnson, of Washington, and Dr. Janeway, of New York, two of the most eminent heart specialists in the United States, have been summoned to lend their skill and counsel, and Dr. McBurney, the noted surgeon, who left yesterday, has been recalled.

He advanced the theory before he left that the accelerated pulse might be due to the after effects of the shock of the first bullet against the breastbone, now manifesting itself for the first time.

The President's condition, generally speaking, is fairly satisfactory, and upon this is based the hope for his recovery. If the heart action be controlled and strengthened the crisis now existing would pass. But everything is being prepared for the worst.

Vice-President Roosevelt and the absent members of the Cabinet have been telegraphed for, and are speeding here as fast as steam and steel can bring them.

HIS NARROW ESCAPE.

When the sinking spell occurred about 2 o'clock this morning it was feared the President might expire at any moment, as he did not respond to ordinary stimulants. It was only when recourse was had to the desperate resource of injecting saline solution, which saved Mrs. McKinley's life in San Francisco, that the circulation grew stronger, and after an hour he rallied somewhat.

His pulse at one time was almost 140; but the slight rally came and returning hope with it. With the fresh energies of daylight the President appeared perceptibly stronger, and the physicians announced in their 9 o'clock bulletin that his condition was improved. The pulse had fallen several points from the highest, and they affirmed the existence of hope.

Dr. Mann declared most emphatically that it was absurd to say the President was dying.

After the 9:30 o'clock consultation the President's physicians were slightly more hopeful, though it was apparent that the danger was immediate.

Dr. Mann and Dr. Mynter came away together.

"We are very anxious," said Dr. Mann, "very anxious."

"Have you given up hope?"

"By no means," replied the doctor.

"Is he better than when you saw him last?"

"He is better than he was in the early hours of the morning."

TROUBLE WITH THE HEART.

Dr. Mynter had little encouragement to offer.

"I am not absolutely without hope," said he. "The President has a fighting chance, but I would be more hopeful if the day was passed and he had gained a little strength. He has improved some since early this morning, but the improvement is very slight. The trouble lies with his heart. We are still stimulating it and our treatment has been fairly successful."

Dr. Mynter admitted that saline solution and other means to keep up the action of the heart were being administered.

"Do you still have hope of saving the President's life?" Dr. Mynter was asked.

CRISIS MAY BE PROLONGED.

"I will say in answer to your question," replied Dr. Mynter, hesitatingly, "that I do not consider the case absolutely hopeless. I should be more hopeful if the day were passed and it had shown some improvement in his condition."

Mynter's remarks left the inference that the crisis might be prolonged.

A FIGHTING CHANCE.

Secretary Cortelyou and Mr. Milburn paced up and down in front of the house for twenty minutes just before the dawn came. They had little encouragement to offer. Secretary Wilson also came out on to the porch and stood for ten minutes looking away into darkness. He said he had not abandoned hope, but his air was not one of contentment.

At 5:30 Secretary Wilson came out into the daylight, too, in haggard and dejected manner.

"The President has a fighting chance," said he.

No word came out of the Milburn residence for almost an hour after Secretaries Wilson and Hitchcock had left. The bulletin usually issued at 6:30 was omitted.

Dr. Rixey at 7:30 said that he felt slightly encouraged.

"The President has rallied somewhat," said he, "but then you know that the President is usually better in the morning."

The announcement that the President was dying was spread, with the result that the whole city was thoroughly aroused and alarmed early, and before 7 o'clock crowds of people flocked in the direction of Ferry street and Delaware avenue to learn if the latest news was not more reassuring. They stood at the ropes far down the intersecting streets and waited patiently for the appearance of the morning bulletin. Many of them refused to credit the story.

THE MORNING CONSULTATION.

The first physician to arrive for the morning consultation was Dr. Wasdin, who drove up at 8:15. He passed quickly into the Milburn residence.

"I have been absent for a couple of hours," said he, "and I do not know the condition of the President. I hope he is better."

Two minutes later Abner McKinley walked down to the corner to tell his coachman, who had been waiting for him with a carriage for an hour, that he would not go to his hotel for breakfast.

He then returned to the Milburn residence. The new detail of soldiers for guard duty for to-day arrived from Fort Porter a few minutes later. The guard was changed and the sentries posted for the day.

Dr. Mynter arrived at 8:23.

"I saw the President at 5 o'clock," said he. "His condition was then very grave."

Dr. Mann came up in an automobile two minutes later.

"I have nothing to say now," he said in reply to a question as he passed into the roped inclosure about the house.

Secret Service Officer Ireland, who left the Milburn house at 8:45, confirmed the earlier reports that the President had only a fighting chance. At that time the President was reported resting easily. Just before Officer Ireland left, Col. Brown and the President's nephew, Mr. Barbour, hastily left the house and drove to the Lenox.

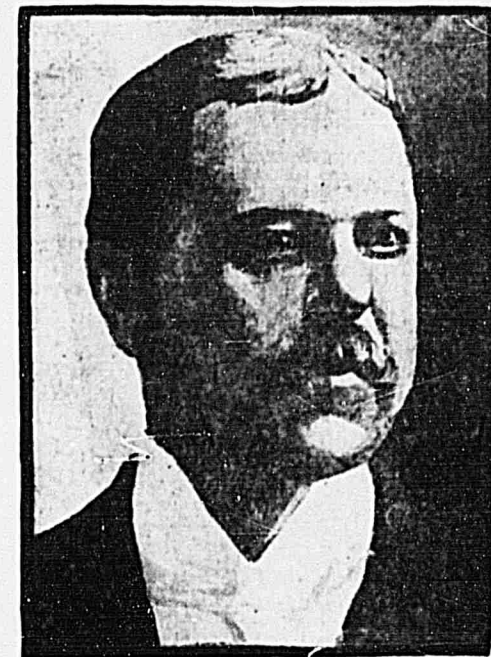
At 8:50, while the consultation was going on inside, an old lady, who was plainly a crank, approached the inner rope and insisted upon being admitted. She said she desired to see Mrs. McKinley.

"I have something important to say to her," she said. One of the Secret Service men led her aside and listened to her long story of how she proposed to cure the President.

PHYSICIANS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE PRESIDENT.

DR. CHARLES MCBURNEY.

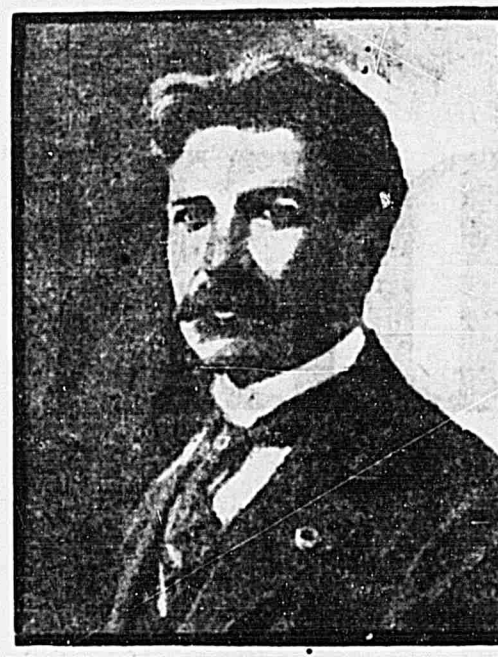
DR. MATTHEW D. MANN.



DR. ROSWELL PARK.



DR. PRESLEY MARION RIXEY.



DR. EDWARD WALLACE LEE.

HANNA SAW GOOD SIGN IN RAINBOW.

BUFFALO, Sept. 13.—Senator Hanna said at 12:25 this afternoon:

"I can only say there is a fighting chance. I saw a rainbow in the sky as I came up here this morning. I hope it is prophetic. My faith is strong."

George P. Sawyer, a friend of Mr. Milburn, who went into the house a few minutes before 9 o'clock, came out with a look of relief on his face. "It was reported downtown," said he, "that the President was dead. The flag on the big liberty pole on the terrace at Exchange and Main streets was half-masted. I am glad to be able to say that the President is better than he was three hours ago. The surgeons are now dressing the wound."

A REMARKABLE SCENE.

At 9:30 the scene about the Milburn residence was one that will live in the memory of those who witnessed it as long as life lasts. Down the streets in every direction people were massed hundreds deep while at the corner where the headquarters of the press are located correspondents of all of the leading journals of the world were waiting ready to flash the first news as far as the wires reach, while within the tents the busy telegraph instruments were clicking off the sad intelligence. In front of the residence the blue-coated soldiers paced with arms at right shoulder. All were waiting, waiting almost breathlessly for the news.

The doctors finished their consultation at 9:40. They left the house together and stopped for a few minutes on the lawn to convey their verdict first to the President's brother.

Dr. Mann announced that the President was better than he was in the early morning hours.

"We are very anxious," said he, "but have not given up hope by any means."

ALMOST A FORLORN HOPE.

The 9:30 bulletin, when issued, was slightly reassuring and indicated that the crisis might be prolonged, stating definitely that the President's condition had somewhat improved during the last few hours, and that there was better response to stimulation.

But his pulse was up to 128, and the conviction grew that it was almost a forlorn hope.

It was learned that the physicians had decided that it would not be well for Mrs. McKinley to enter the sick room to-day, both on account of her feeble health and the excitement it might cause the President.

So far as can be learned Mrs. McKinley had not been informed up to 10 o'clock of the grave condition in which her husband was.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the intimate friends and relatives of the President who were telegraphed for early this morning began to arrive, and soon after 10 o'clock there were assembled in the downstairs rooms of the Milburn house Senators Hanna and Fairbanks, ex-Secretary of State Day, Secretary Wilson and Secretary Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baer, Abner McKinley, Miss Helen McKinley, a sister of the President, Mrs. J. T. Duncan, another sister, and Mrs. Lafayette McWilliams, John G. Milburn, former Postmaster-General Blaisell, John N. Scatford, of Buffalo, and Representative Alexander, of the Buffalo District. The latter came from the house and said:

"If the President successfully weathers the morning his chances of ultimate recovery are greatly increased, because his condition other than his heart weakness is very encouraging."

Senator Hanna came on a special train from Cleveland, making the run in the remarkably fast time of three hours. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hanna, Col. Myron T. Herrick, Miss Barber and a few other friends of the President. He had received the news at 4 o'clock this morning and immediately ordered a special train.

DR. JANEWAY SUMMONED.

All the Cabinet officers were telegraphed to at 3 o'clock this morning, and are now presumably on their way hither.

Dr. W. W. Johnson, of Washington, who is at Portsmouth, on the Maine coast, and Dr. Janeway, of New York, both celebrated heart specialists, have been summoned.

A celebrated specialist, who has been watching the bulletins closely, has expressed the opinion that the extreme weakness of the heart is due to the shock of the first bullet, which struck the President's sternum, now manifesting itself for the first time.

REALIZES HIS CONDITION.

The doctors believe he fully realizes how low he is, although he has not been informed.

When Mrs. McKinley was told that it would be better for her not to see him this morning she assented without protest, but she seemed to realize the full import of the request, though she said nothing.

Secretary Hitchcock was heart-broken by the sudden dashing down of the high hopes he had held of the President's recovery, but steadfastly he will hope on to the end.

"I refuse to surrender," said he with great emotion, at 10:30. "I will not give up hope while life remains. I shall hope on and pray on to the end."

ROOSEVELT HEARD FROM.

Vice-President Roosevelt was heard from shortly after 10 o'clock. He had received the news of the President's serious condition, and sent word from the Tahawus Club, where he is staying, that he would come at once. He would stop at Albany for news and then determine his future movements.

Congressman Alexander, of the Buffalo District, at 10:45 o'clock gave the most encouraging news of the morning. He said:

CONFERENCE SUSPENDED.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The proceedings of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference this morning were suspended for the purpose of hearing read a series of press telegrams concerning the condition of President McKinley. The delegates were visibly affected, and special prayers were offered for the preservation of the President's life.

"It is not true that the physicians are without hope or that those gathered in the house are despondent. The lowering of the heart action is a natural result of the giving of a cathartic and was expected. It was found that the solid food given yesterday had not passed through the stomach, and it was determined that a cathartic would have to be given."

"Then came the reaction. The physicians gave a saline solution, but in very small quantity, and this forenoon used some digitalis, but also in small quantities."

"They did not want to use any more artificial means than absolutely necessary. The results so far are good and the President is now sleeping, watched by Drs. Rixey, Park and Stockton. Everybody about the house is hopeful."

"The two men who know him best, Secretary Cortelyou and Senator Hanna, are cheerful and as confident as the setback will allow. They both know his strong will and they think that will help. Drs. Janeway and Johnson have been summoned to take care of the heart action. In other respects the President is doing well."

CLERGYMAN IS HOPEFUL.

Rev. Dr. Carwin Wilson, who was once pastor of the First M. E. Church of Canton, O., where the President worshipped for many years, was among those who called at the house during the morning. When he left he said:

"Yes, there is hope for the President. His brother tells me he is making the supreme gift of his life. I feel most deeply for the President, for at Canton, in bygone days, I was his pastor, and truly know his noble character."

HANNA HOPEFUL.

Charles H. Woodbury, former law partner of Grover Cleveland, who left the Milburn house at 11:15, said:

"Abner McKinley and Senator Hanna think the President will live. They probably know him better than any other men. I was gratified to find in those about the President such a hopeful feeling, a feeling that he has a good chance."

Congressman Olmstead, of Pennsylvania, left the Milburn house at 11:10 o'clock in company with C. W. Goodyear, of Buffalo. The latter said that the most encouraging phase of the symptoms to be found in the hopeful demeanor of those closest to the President.

Ansley Wilcox, who entertained Vice-President Roosevelt when he was here, came out of the Milburn house at 11:50 and said:

"So far as I can learn the physicians and those in the Milburn house are very hopeful. Since the early morning the President has improved slightly, and even the slightest improvement is more than the physicians had expected."

Dr. Mann was asked this morning to make an authorized statement regarding the fatigued patient's condition in addition to that contained in the bulletin. He declined to do, but in response to inquiries he said:

PRESIDENT NOT DYING.

"No, I can say nothing about any crisis in the case. A patient may continue in the condition the President now is for some time and then pick up or not, just as the case may develop."

"The President is in a very serious condition, that is true, but it is absurd to say he is dying, as stated by some persons this morning. I cannot make any further statement about the case just now."

The suggestion has been made to the physicians that the extremely weakened heart which threatens the President's life may be due to the shock received by him from the bullet which struck the breastbone and glanced off.

MORE HOPEFUL NEWS.

Gov. Yates, of Illinois, and Col. Russell B. Harrison, emerging from the mansion at 11:30, brought the same news given by earlier callers, its purport being that the President is not only holding his own but improving slightly.

Gov. Yates held a conference with Mr. Milburn, and the Illinois Executive was advised that it might be well to postpone until later in the day any programme that had been arranged for Illinois Day at the Exposition. Mr. Milburn informed the Governor that he would be advised later and that if the President continued to rest comfortably, as at present, there would seem to be no reason to entirely abandon the day's programme.

Col. Russell B. Harrison stated that he called at the house for the purpose of presenting to Mrs. McKinley the respects of the Harrison family.

BEGINS TO REVIVE.

At 11:50 Dr. Stockton, the physician called in for the first time last night, said:

"The President is holding his own. This is all I care to say publicly."

It is learned, however, that at 11 o'clock the attending physicians decided to stop the use of the saline injections, as the patient had begun to revive from the extreme depression. It was deemed wise to withhold the saline solution for a possible future sinking spell.

The quantity of digitalis was also diminished to ascertain if the President's heart could do without stimulants.

MAKES SLIGHT RALLY.

When Dr. Wasdin left he announced that there would be another official bulletin at 2 o'clock.

"I cannot reiterate it too often; the President is holding his own," he said.

"Has he rallied perceptibly, doctor?" he was asked.

"Yes and no," replied the surgeon.

"What does that mean?"

"It simply means," was the answer, "that there are fluctuations. One moment the patient appears to revive and the next the depression returns. The physicians have not abandoned hope, have they?" was asked.

"By no manner of means. Again I say there is certainly a fighting chance. At present the condition of the President is not hopeless, but within ten minutes the greatly to be feared moment might come."

"Is it true, doctor, that the saline injections have been stopped?"

RESPONDED TO TREATMENT.

"Hardly. Indeed we gave such an injection not long ago. The patient responded and we are waiting to see if another will be necessary."

Dr. Wasdin's absence left Dr. Rixey alone with the President, but the former announced that he expected to return within an hour.

Secretaries Wilson and Hitchcock followed Dr. Wasdin and went away in an automobile to the Buffalo Club. The former said:

"I have certainly not given up hope for the President. He is holding his own."

Col. Herrick, of Cleveland, when he left the residence with George Urban, of this city, expressed the same opinion that many others had during the morning, that the President had a fighting chance.

GEN. OTIS'S GRIEF.

Brig.-Gen. Otis stood in the rain at the second rope in front of the Milburn house this afternoon and with tears in his eyes told of the President's struggle.

"While the situation is alarming," said the General, "and his condition is critical, there is still a hope. Nothing can be said more than that the physicians are doing all that can be done to save his life."

Senator Fairbanks and Judge Day came out shortly after Senator Hanna departed. Senator Chauncey M. Depew, accompanied by his son, Chauncey M. Depew, Jr., and his niece and nephew, reached the house at 12:50.

From a newspaper man and Col. Myron T. Herrick he obtained information as to the President's condition, and then drove downtown without entering the house.

Dr. Wasdin was the first of the physicians to return to the Milburn house for the 2 o'clock consultation. He was joined at the President's bedside at 1:30 o'clock by Dr. Mann and Dr. Stockton. They had not been summoned, but had come for the usual conference.

At 2 o'clock the physicians assembled were notified by Secretary Cortelyou that Dr. McBurney, who left the city yesterday, had started back and would arrive here at 7:30 to-night. Drs. Janeway and Johnson were also expected during the evening.

DR. STOCKTON'S HURRIED MISSION.

A few minutes after 2 o'clock Dr. Stockton, who was called in the case yesterday, came hurriedly out of the house and jumped into an automobile. He said:

"I cannot talk. I am in a hurry."

He was going to Dr. Mann's office and said he would be back very soon.

He returned in about fifteen minutes with a formidable looking leather travelling bag, evidently containing some more appliances or instruments.

At 2:20 o'clock Representative Alexander, who had just come from the Milburn house, said that the President had been asleep for an hour and a half. He was resting like a child. Col. Alexander denounced as untrue a report circulated in certain quarters that the President was in a dying stupor.

MRS. MCKINLEY UNAWARE OF THE CHANGE.

When awake, Col. Alexander said, the President was perfectly conscious. He said that Mrs. McKinley was still ignorant of the change in the President's condition, although she had seen him shortly before noon for a short time.

Toxaemia is defined by Thomas's Medical Dictionary as "A contaminated state of the blood—poisoned blood."

SEARCHING NOW FOR ROOSEVELT

He Is in the Wilds of the Adirondacks on a Hunting Trip.

RAMSAY IS HOWISON'S SUCCESSOR

He Has Been Selected to Act in the Schley Court of Inquiry.

(Special to The Evening World.)
SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Vice-President Roosevelt, who was expected to leave Tahawus Club, in the Adirondacks early this morning, changed his plans yesterday and arranged to remain there with his family till Monday morning.

Tahawus Club is thirty-five miles north of North Creek, the terminus of the Adirondack Railway, and ten miles beyond even telephonic communication. Mounted hunters are now speeding over the mountains with special messages informing Roosevelt of the sudden change or the worse in the condition of McKinley.

As soon as the Vice-President receives this melancholy intelligence he will emerge from the Adirondacks as rapidly as possible and proceed to Buffalo.

The Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company has ordered a special engine and car to North Creek to receive Roosevelt and convey him to Saratoga. From here Roosevelt will proceed by fast train to Albany and thence to Buffalo.

It is not known how soon Roosevelt will reach Saratoga.

Roosevelt early this morning went out hunting with several Adirondack guides and he was not at Tahawus Club when the mounted mountaineers with rush messages to the Vice-President galloped in all directions.

All of the available guides and runners at the club immediately swung themselves into saddles and plunged into the wilderness to find Roosevelt and his party, who will be brought out as rapidly as possible.

The trail of Vice-President Roosevelt and his guide had not been found up to 2 o'clock this afternoon. Guides were still searching in all directions.

THREATENS ROOSEVELT.

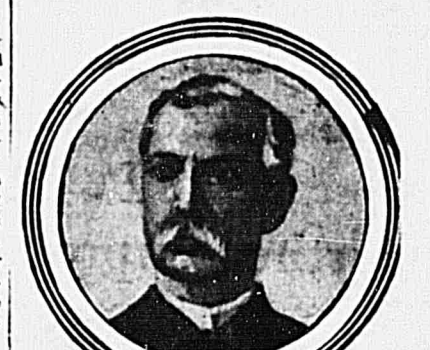
Deputy Police Commissioner Devery received a telegram this morning from Chief of Police Youngells, of Berlin, N. H., announcing that a man was on his way to Washington with the avowed purpose of assassinating Vice-President Roosevelt.

The man, who is a foreigner, tried to buy a ticket to Washington, but could not do so, and purchased one for New York.

Devery immediately sent out a dozen plain clothes men to the railroad station to intercept the fellow.

The regular policemen at the stations were also notified to be on the watch for him.

According to the dispatch the man is 5 feet 6 inches tall. He is smooth shaven and wears a short black sack coat, dark trousers and a black derby hat with a narrow brim.



ADMIRAL RAMSAY.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Admiral Ramsay, at one time Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, has been selected as Admiral Howison's successor on the Schley Court.

DYNAMITE FUSE FOUND.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 13.—In a frame building, No. 170 Broadway, Sergt. Doran and Detective Schmunk found to-day, stored away on the top of a cupboard, fifty feet of fuse such as is ordinarily used in the manufacture of dynamite.

The house is the residence of Edmund Wolcynski, an Anarchist, who is now in Chicago.

The information was at once telegraphed to Chicago.

While in this city Wolcynski was employed as a writer on a Polish newspaper known as the Star.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Edmund Wolcynski is at liberty in this city. Chief O'Neill says he doubts the importance of the Cleveland find, but if Wolcynski should be wanted he could be arrested within twenty minutes.

TO EXTRADITE GOLDMAN.

Five Affidavits the Banta-Czolgoss Family Ordered Out.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 13.—Detective Parker, of this city, and Detective O'Laughlin, of Buffalo, have secured five affidavits from persons who attended meetings held by Emma Goldman here. They are to the effect that her utterances were of Anarchistic and inflammatory nature.

The affidavits will be used as a basis in securing extradition papers for her removal to Buffalo.

Popular indignation has